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In re Application of Robert J. DiStasio, et al.

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For: Removal Tool for Locking Nut, Bolt and Clip Systems and Assemblies

RESPONSE

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Sir:

This is a response to the Communication dated January 31, 2003 and December 16, 2002.

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Applicant seeks to patent the combination of the removal tool and the locking nut and bolt claimed in claims 7 and 8 (generic) and specifically claim 13. See Figs. 116, 117, and the modification in FIGS. 92 and 93. Claim 13 relates to the combination of the tool and a specific locking insert. See FIGs. 30b, 30c, 30d, 30f and 30i for this locking nut insert. FIG. 30f shows the locking nut insert disposed in the nut. FIG. 30i shows a locking nut insert partially disposed within and partially extending outboard of the nut. This is a more complex system. In any event, the present invention relates to a removal tool in combination with the locking system. This election is without traverse.

Applicant retains the right to seeks patent protection on the removal tool in a divisional or a continuation patent application.

No traverse. Claims not specified herein do not fall within elected species. The inventorship is correct. **The election set forth herein is consistent with the pending parent case.** In the parent case, applicant generally elected to prosecute the locking nut insert, FIGS. 30b and 30c, and the locking insert disposed in the recess of the nut (FIGs. 30f, and 35e). The present case relates to a **removal tool** in combination with the insert.

Respectfully submitted,

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